Am I eligible for a *free* colonoscopy?

- ◆ I am 50 years or older (Younger ages accepted with a doctor's order)
- ◆ I can't afford the cost of a colonoscopy
- ◆ I've been a Wyoming resident for at least one year
- ♦ I've not had a colonoscopy within the past 10 years

To apply for a Free Colonoscopy

Or for more information contact:
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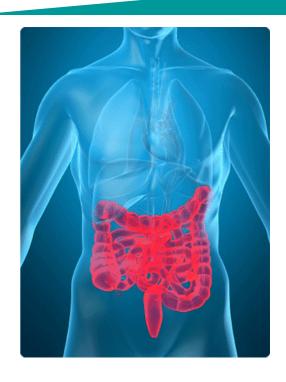
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Information on Colorectal Cancer

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What is Colorectal Cancer?

Colorectal cancer is cancer that occurs in the colon or rectum. The colon is the large intestine or large bowel. The rectum is the passageway connecting the colon to the anus (the outside opening).

Why do I need to get screened?

Colorectal cancer usually starts from polyps in the colon or rectum. A polyp is a growth of tissue that shouldn't be there. Over time, some polyps can



turn into cancer. Screening tests can find polyps, so they can be removed *before* they turn into cancer. Screening tests can also find colorectal cancer early, when the chance of being cured is good.

Colorectal cancer often has no symptoms at first, so screening even when you feel fine is very important. A colonoscopy is a screening test that allows a doctor to look inside your colon and rectum and remove polyps and small cancers.

Just the Facts...

Every year, about 250 Wyoming men and women are diagnosed with colorectal cancer. Most of these cancers occur after age 50, which is why the Wyoming Colorectal Cancer Screening Program urges all Wyoming men and women age 50 and older be screened. If you are at higher risk due to personal or family history, talk to your doctor about colorectal screening before age 50. Medicare, Medicaid, and many private insurance plans pay for colorectal screening. For many people, cost is the number one reason for not screening for colorectal cancer. A colonoscopy can cost up to \$4,000.

The Wyoming Colorectal Cancer Screening Program was created to pay for colonoscopies for hardworking Wyoming residents who cannot afford the procedure.



Are you at risk for developing colorectal cancer?

If you answer **YES** to any of these questions, you are more likely to develop colorectal cancer:

- ♦ Are you 50 years of age or older?
- ♦ Has a close family member (parent, brother, sister, or child) had cancer of the colon or rectum?
- ♦ Have you had polyps (growths) in your colon or rectum?
- ♦ Have you had colorectal cancer in the past?
- ♦ Do you have ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) or diabetes?